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(CSD)--PROTECTION AND WELFARE OF CHILDREN: CONVENING OF
UN CONFERENCE FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON ADOPTION
LAW

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1. UK DEL HAS DRAWN UP AND IS CIRCULATING INFORMALLY RES
TO BE INTRODUCED UNDER SUBJECT ITEM, TEXT BELOW. PURPOSE OF
THIS RES IS ACTUALLY TO FORESTALL CONVENING OF INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE AND TO PROVIDE INSTEAD FOR CONVENING EXPERT GROUP.
PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS GROUP WOULD BE A) TO
PREPARE DECLARATION ON SOCIAL AND LEGAL PRINCIPLES RELATING
TO ADOPTION AND FOSTER PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN, AND B) TO
DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR USE OF GOVERNMENTS IN IMPLEMENTING THESE
PRINCIPLES.

2. RES SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT CONVENING OF EXPERT GROUP WOULD
BE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF EXTRA-BUDGETARY RESOURCES.

3. US DEL BELIEVES THIS RES WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO AVOID
CONVENING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, WHICH WOULD SERVE NO
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USEFUL PURPOSE, WITHOUT UNDULY HURTING FEELINGS OF LIBERIANS WHO,

ALMOST SINGLE-HANDEDLY, HAVE BEEN PUSHING CONFERENCE IDEA.
US DEL WILL THEREFORE SUPPORT BUT NOT COSPONSOR THIS RES UNLESS
OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.

QUOTE THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON CONVEN-
ING A UN CONFERENCE FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON
ADOPTION LAW

RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION TO THE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION AT ITS 58TH SESSION

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3028 (XXVII) AND
ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1750 (LIV)

TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON
CONVENING A UN CONFERENCE FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
ON ADOPTION LAW

NOTING THE INTEREST OF GOVERNMENTS IN THE SUBJECT OF ADOPTION
AND FOSTER PLACEMENT AS INDICATED BY THEIR RESPONSE TO THE
QUESTIONNAIRE DESPATCHED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL UNDER ECOSOC
RESOLUTION 1750 (LIV)

NOTING ALSO THE WIDE DIVERSITY OF VIEWS ON ADOPTION AND
FOSTER PLACEMENT AS EXPRESSED IN THE REPORT, WHICH REFLECTS
THE RANGE OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL VALUES PREVAILING IN DIFFERENT
PARTS OF THE WORLD

RECOGNISING THE PROBLEMS WHICH CAN ARISE IN THE CASE OF
INTER-COUNTRY MOVEMENT OF CHILDREN AND THE NEED TO SAFEGUARD
THE RIGHTS OF ALL CONCERNED, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF THE CHILD

1) AFFIRMS THE NEED FOR A LONG TERM PROGRAMME OF MEASURES
DESIGNED TO IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL
WITH A VIEW TO HARMONISING PROCEDURES TO FACILITATE THE
REGULATION OF THE INTER-COUNTRY MOVEMENT OF CHILDREN
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2) EMPHASISES THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING THE STUDY
AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL OF PROBLEMS OF ADOPTION AND FOSTER
PLACEMENT

3) AFFIRMS THE DESIRABILITY OF DRAWING UP A DECLARATION ON
PRINCIPLES OF GOOD ADOPTION PRACTICE TO ENABLE COUNTRIES TO EXAMINE
THEIR OWN LAWS IN THE LIGHT OF INTERNATIONALLY AGREED GUIDE-

LINES BUT ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN TRADITIONS OF FAMILY LIFE

4) DECIDES TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF EXTRA BUDGETARY RESOURCES, TO CONVENE A GROUP OF EXPERTS WITH RELEVANT EXPERIENCE OF FAMILY AND CHILD WELFARE WITH PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON ADOPTION AND FOSTER PLACEMENT PRACTICES, REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS TO

A. REVIEW AND APPRAISE THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDELINES INCORPORATED IN DOCUMENT E/CN.5/504 AND THE RELEVANT MATERIAL SUBMITTED BY GOVERNMENTS ALREADY AVAILABLE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS;

B. PREPARE A DECLARATION ON SOCIAL AND LEGAL PRINCIPLES RELATING TO ADOPTION AND FOSTER PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY;

C. DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF GOVERNMENTS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE PRINCIPLES AS WELL AS SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING PROCEDURES WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (INCLUDING FAMILY AND CHILD WELFARE) PROGRAMMES

5) REQUESTS RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS, THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND THE APPROPRIATE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION

6) REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT A PROGRESS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AT ITS 25TH SESSION WITH A VIEW TO THE COMMISSION'S COMPLETING AT ITS 26TH SESSION A DRAFT DECLARATION ON PRINCIPLES FOR SUBMISSION TO THE COUNCIL AT ITS 62ND SESSION AND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS 32ND SESSION. UNQUOTE

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